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WHISKY, WHISKY ALL OVER, NOT DROP TO DRINK!

With the whole world going dry, and the parched tongues of former drinkers even lapping eagerly at the substitutes for their favorite old tipples, the warehouses of the Paris Distilling Company, in this city, yet hold a total of five hundred and seven barrels of the prime old stuff—but alas, and a tale of woe, not a drop of it is available for beverage purposes.

This whisky, which belongs, every drop of it, to private parties, and not a barrel of which can be diverted to Paris, is being changed from one warehouse to another, under the direction of Government officials. The whisky is bottled in bond, and is being held awaiting orders of the owners. The establishment is in charge of Nicholas Bohn, of Lawrenceburg, as resident manager, and is controlled by Julius Kessler & Co. The old distillery plant was destroyed by fire in March, 1913, and with it passed the last of the whisky-making plants in this county. These facts were gleaned by two inquisitive newspaper men, who recently paid a visit to the place, seeking information, and nothing else, and that's all they got.

TOPPY CONGRATULATES WOODROW.

Sixty-three years ago Sunday the present occupant of the White House, President Woodrow Wilson, first saw the light of day. Sixty-three years ago, on the same day another distinguished citizen, Theodore P. "Topsy" Nix, of Paris, was laid in his mother's arms, with eyes widely gazing on the new world. Since the advent of the distinguished man in the Presidential chair "Topsy" has regularly sent him his congratulations on their birthdays falling on the same day, receiving a gracious response. This year the Paris man sent his congratulations and felicitations to the President, with a wish that he might live to be President several times over.

SUSTAINS INJURIES IN FALL

Miss Jennie Whittington, who has reached the advanced age of eighty, and who suffered a compound fracture of her right arm several weeks ago in an auto accident on the Lexington pike, near this city, fell at her home Friday night, sustaining a fracture of the left arm and a fractured hip. On account of her advanced age and her enfeebled condition grave fears are entertained for her recovery.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

With this issue THE NEWS rounds out the old year of 1919, its first issue in the New Year coming in Friday, January 2. To you, our friends and patrons, we do this day extend the greetings of friendship, and extend the cordial hand of fellowship, and wish you well for the Happy New Year of 1920. May your hearts ever be warm amid the snows of the winter. May prosperity be yours throughout the New Year, and in all things may you gain contentment's gracious smile.

Hardly have the Christmas bells ceased their ringing than we stand in the presence of another year, which comes with noiseless pace out of the future, and we wonder what it will bring us. We are certain of one thing, that in our hands is vested the power to make the New Year one of character growth. We feel that the great need of human life is contentment, though it may seem impossible of attainment. And through New Year's we are deluded into belief of its possibility. Therefore we welcome the New Year, not for what it gives, but for what it promises to give.

To our readers, our advertisers, and our friends generally, we wish a Happy New Year, and all the comforts and joys that it may bring to them.

BOURBON NEGRO KILLED.

A message was received here Saturday by relatives stating that Harvey Taylor, a well-known colored man, a former resident of Paris, had been murdered in Keystone, Oklahoma, by a colored man in his employ. The dead man is survived by his widow, Eliza Taylor, and one brother, Walter Taylor, of Millersburg. Taylor was an industrious man, and during his residence in Paris, had won the good opinion of his employers and all who knew him. The telegram gave no particulars of the killing.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

A called meeting of the Bourbon County Board of Education will be held this (Tuesday) afternoon at two o'clock, in the office of County Superintendent of Schools, J. B. Caywood, in the court house. Business of importance to the educational interests of the county will be up for consideration.

A STREAK OF BAD LUCK.

Fate cuts many capers with humans, and isn't at all particular as to the time and place, either, nor the circumstances under which it finds the object.

This applies especially to the case of Frank Burton, the well-known proprietor of Burton's Cafe in this city. Several days ago Mr. Burton was called to Louisville, by the death of his mother. He was accompanied by Mrs. Burton, both being guests at the Burton home in Louisville. While members of the family were attending the funeral a sneak thief entered the Burton home, and made away with a purse belonging to Mrs. Frank Burton, containing \$75 in money and other valuables. At the same time a lot of valuable clothing, newly purchased, belonging to Mr. Burton's sister-in-law, Mrs. Irvine Burton, of Louisville, a diamond ring, a gold watch and \$400 in money, also the property of Mrs. Burton, was stolen.

The money, clothing and valuables taken from Mrs. Irvine Burton, represented the war savings of her husband, who had been in the service in the United States army. The police were apprised of the robbery, but having no tangible clue to work on have not as yet apprehended the thief or recovered any part of the money, valuables or clothing.

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION AT THE Y. M. C. A.

A New Year's reception and demonstration will be held in the Bourbon County Y. M. C. A., on next Thursday afternoon, New Year's from three to five o'clock. The big feature on the athletic program will be the midge Marathon race of one-half mile, open to any Bourbon county boy. The winner of the event will be presented with a beautiful emblematic ribbon.

Many novelty stunts have been arranged for the program in the gymnasium, including Japanese boxing, feats of strength, one man lifting several others, etc. The program will be given in the afternoon so that all school children of the city and county may attend. All friends of the Y. M. C. A. are invited and expected and are asked to bring their friends with them.

GETS IN GOOD. THEN GETS IN BAD.

When James Fitzgerald, Jr., formerly a resident of Paris, but lately residing in Canada, arrived in Paris, Saturday morning, with his Canadian wife, whom he had married a few weeks ago, he was placed under arrest by Patrolman Lusk, on a warrant issued by Mrs. Matilda Jefferson, mother of Fitzgerald's first wife, who died about two years ago.

Mrs. Jefferson claimed that her son-in-law had failed to contribute anything toward the support of his young child since the death of his wife. A compromise was effected whereby Fitzgerald agreed to pay \$350 due his mother-in-law, for the support of the child the past two years, and to pay in the future \$15 per month until the child had reached maturity. He was then released from custody.

BROUGHT BACK A BEAR FROM HUNTING TRIP.

Attorney Wade Hampton Whitley, of the firm of Talbott & Whitley, of this city, returned Saturday from a month's hunting trip around his old home, at Pantego, North Carolina, and in the Eastern part of the State. Mr. Whitley killed a full-grown black bear, the accomplishment of which was filled with all the thrills that would accompany a movie picture denouement. He also captured a bear cub, which he brought home with him, declaring it his purpose to present it to the city as the nucleus for the establishment of a zoo.

HEAVIEST CHRISTMAS MAIL.

Not until yesterday did the Paris postoffice emerge from the heaviest Christmas mail in many years, according to a statement made by Postmaster J. Walter Payne.

All classes of mail, especially the parcel post packages, were so abnormally heavy this year that papers and magazines were stacked up in the Postoffice until the Christmas rush could be gotten clear. These were afterward delivered in good order and in quick time. Postmaster Payne has been thanked by the Postoffice Department at Washington for the prompt and efficient way with which the accumulation of Christmas mail was handled in his office.

Father Adam may have had many things to contend with, but at any rate a mother-in-law wasn't one of them.

CHRISTMAS IN PARIS FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

A NEWS reporter in 1904, fifteen years ago, interviewed fifty-six Paris merchants as to their Christmas trade, all of them reporting the biggest trade they had experienced in many years. Of the fifty-six mentioned in the interview, the following are dead, out of business, or moved to other places: Bourbon Produce Co.; Estes & Co.; Jas. B. Wilson; Wm. Sauer; W. M. Hinton; Benj. Perry; A. Shire; A. J. Winters; Freeman & Freeman; Parker & James; Roger Q. Thompson; Victor K. Shipp; John T. Hinton; H. Shanker; Laughlin Bros.; George Rassenfoss; Louis Saloshin; Fee & Son; Baldwin & Co.; Dow-Hayden Grocery Co.; Gounce & Argo; Baird & Taylor; Jos. Josselson; Nathan Effron; Don C. Wiggins; Manager Grand Opera House; The Sugar Bowl Confectionery (Edward Grubbs, Prop.); Frank Prather.

Among the Christmas events of that year were the following: Jolly Fellows and Bourbon Cotton Club gave dances, one on Christmas Eve, the other on Christmas night; Frank Thomas, colored, shot and killed at a negro festival near Ruddle Mills by Harry Nutter; Paris saloons were advertising various brands of whiskies, wines and beers for the Christmas trade; Frank McNish, Eva Thacker and supporting company, at Grand Opera House, presenting "Happy Hooligan," winners of the Bourbon Lumber Co.'s guessing contest as to the total vote of State in the November election, announced as follows: J. Sims Wilson, first, John Arkle, second, Gus Hutchison, third, Charles Mack, fourth; young son of F. S. Elder burned in right eye by premature explosion of powder; special Christmas services at all the churches, singing of George White Fithian, at the Presbyterian church, highly complimented; Jas. D. McClintock accidentally shot in right shoulder and arm by Tennessee hunter, while hunting near Paris, Tenn., with Douglas Thomas, J. Sims Wilson, Thompson Tarr and Ed. Bedford; Mrs. J. J. Veatch awarded prize for story in New Era Magazine, also prize in advertisement contest in The Designer; large crowd at City School chapel to witness Christmas exercises by pupils; Paris merchants victimized during holidays by parties who passed one-cent pieces coated with quicksilver to resemble dimes; Funeral of Col. John G. Craddock, editor of Kentuckian-Citizen, held at Methodist church, followed by burial in Paris Cemetery; friends of Robt. C. Talbott and E. M. Dickson, of Paris, call on the Governor in interest of their candidacy to succeed Judge Cantrell, as Circuit Judge; Ellis Parker, colored, shot and dangerously wounded by Charles Holly, in difficulty at Marshall & Thompson's saloon; city full of holiday visitors, and social events numerous.

THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSES. As was announced in THE NEWS last week, the enrollment of children who will make up the first section of the kindergarten group, began Monday morning at the office of the City High School, and will continue until twelve o'clock today. Great interest is being shown in this department, which will open early in January. We expect to start twenty-five in the first group this year. Enrollment for the first group will close at noon to-day. (Tuesday), December 30. Parents are asked to come in person and enroll their children. LEE KIRKPATRICK, Supt. City Schools.

SCHOOL BOND ISSUE CARRIES.

At the special election held in this city Saturday on the question of voting city bonds to the amount of \$35,000 to enable the Board of Education to complete additions to the white and colored public school buildings, the proposition was carried by an almost unanimous vote. Only seven votes were cast against it in the whole city.

Four years ago the city voted a bond issue of \$46,000, which at that time was deemed ample to make the desired improvements and to greatly enlarge the schools. The war coming on and labor and the price of materials advancing, the contractors could not complete the work without great financial loss. The work is now about sixty-five per cent. completed.

SELLS PLEASANT STREET PROPERTY.

Through the Paris Realty Co., Mrs. L. Musson sold yesterday, her tobacco warehouse property, on Pleasant street, to Miss Letitia Clay for \$3,000.

Mexico is pretty warm, but that doesn't necessarily mean she won't get cold feet.

POPULAR BOURBON MAN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Elmer Meyers, one of the best known and most popular stockmen and traders of the county, a member of the firm of Myers & Smith, of this city, died in the Ford Memorial Hospital, at Georgetown, Friday morning, from injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred late Thursday night near Georgetown.

Mr. Myers went to Frankfort early Thursday morning in his Ford Sedan, on a business mission, telling the members of his family that he would be back in time to have Christmas dinner with them. Shortly before five o'clock that afternoon as he was hurrying back to Paris to keep his promise to the family he lost control of his car in turning a sharp curve about five miles out of Georgetown. The machine was overturned, pinning the unfortunate man beneath it. His groans attracted the attention of passers-by, one of whom, Miss Naomi Coyle, who was on her way to a nearby mail box, going to his assistance. With the help of several men who were passing, the car was righted and the body of the unconscious man removed from underneath. He was taken to the Ford Hospital, in Georgetown, where a superficial examination disclosed a broken hip and jaw and several bruises. A later examination developed serious internal injuries. Mr. Myers regained consciousness for a short time, and the attending physicians were hopeful that the worst had passed. But the shock, combined with a weak heart and the internal injuries he had received, caused his death in a few hours after the accident had occurred.

Messages telling of the accident had been sent to Paris, and in a short time Mrs. Myers, accompanied by her family physician, Dr. Chas. G. Daugherty, Ed. Myers, a cousin, and Joe B. Smith, the dead man's business associate, were speeding toward Georgetown. The body was brought back to Paris by Undertaker George R. Davis, and taken to the Myers home on Mt. Airy avenue, where it was prepared for burial.

Mr. Myers was a native of Nicholas county, and was about thirty-eight years old. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Myers, of Carlisle. He is survived by his widow, who was formerly Miss Bettie Ware, of near Carlisle, two daughters, Misses Anna Ware Myers and Alberta Myers, one brother, Dr. H. L. Myers, of Eldorado, Ill., an aunt, Mrs. William Sharp, of Sharpsburg, and an uncle, Mr. Ben P. Myers, of Davenport, Oklahoma.

The funeral was held at the family home on Mt. Airy avenue, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with services conducted by Rev. W. E. Ellis, pastor of the Paris Christian church, assisted by Rev. C. H. Grear, pastor of the Paris Methodist church. The burial followed in the Paris Cemetery, where committal services were conducted by the Bourbon Lodge I. O. O. F., of which he was a member, and the Cynthiana Lodge I. O. O. F. The active pallbearers were: James Blount, Enoch Stone, Edward Peck, Waller Sharp, Joe B. Smith and Clyde Ruggles; honorary: Richard H. Wills, Harry O. James, James McClure, George Batterton, Sam Houston, Ambrose Wagers and Charles C. Clarke.

AMERICAN LEGION'S GREETING TO SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Dr. James A. Orr, Commander, and Mr. William Collins, of North Middletown, Adjutant of Bourbon Post American Legion, have received from Henry DeHaven Moorman, Department Commander, State of Kentucky, the following greeting, issued in a fraternal spirit to the men and women of the American Legion:

"The men and women of the State who served in the land and naval forces of their country in the great world war, again demonstrated that the wealth and glory of Kentucky are not in her mines, in her forests, in her fields, nor in her cities, but are in the manhood and womanhood of the Commonwealth.

"Through the courtesy of the Kentucky press the American Legion of Kentucky extends to all who so served their State and nation, cordial greeting of comradeship and appreciation, both for the glad Christmas time and the coming happy New Year. You did your part in the winning; you are the hope for holding that which was won.

"For America and for Kentucky we stood together, so let's stick together to the end that liberty may live, and that there shall be in all truth for all time to come, 'Peace on earth, good will toward men.'"

SLIGHT INCREASE IN RATES.

Beginning with the New Year, January 1, 1920, the ward rates at the Massie Memorial Hospital will be \$1.50 per day, instead of \$1.00, as has heretofore. (26-3t)

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